





JMW's Coed History

By BETSY CRUMB Editor in Chief Emeritus

Editor's Note: As the University of Mary Washington approaches its centennial year, The Bullet will be doing an examination of the history of the institution, specifically in reference to its inclusion of males in 1970. This article is the fourth of a five-part series.

Experts 40 years ago and today agree that there

are benefits to same-sex education.

In the years before coeducation, students at Mary Washington were aware of the advantages to

'Prejudice against women in our society is so "Prejudice against women in our society is so subtle that women also need the same type of conditioning," said Joan McAllister, a 1975 graduate of Mary Washington. "Women's colleges are an answer. By short-term segregation of the sexes, women can gain a greater self-knowledge and self-confidence. They can compete against each other without having to fight men to make themselves heard."

The 1973 Bullet editorial staff held a similar view.

"For whatever personal reasons, many female

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As Mary Washington approaches its centennial year, the history of the institution is more important than ever. Perhaps the most significant event has been its coeducational journey, which began in 1970 and is still ongoing.

In the 1970s, student proponents of coeducation are used their event has been accepted to the content of the still ongoing.

urged their peers to take action to increase the ratio

"MWC has entered the '70s by catching up with

former editor of The Bullet. "It is true that the decision to coeducate is a major step forward for the college. But coeducation is still only a vision and not a reality at MWC. Action must be taken to implement the decision. Changes must be made in order to make a progressive school which will continue to attract well-qualified students of both

the '60s," said Linda Cayton, a MWC alumna and former editor of The Bullet. "It is true that the

exes:"
Mary Washington has done just that—it is a rogressive school which attracts students of the ighest caliber, yet at what cost?

Officials are quick to note that despite fervent and

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By CARA SCHULZ

Mary Washington President William Anderson recently decided to replace Prof. Leigh Frackelton with Dr. Bernard Chirico as Procedural Adviser to the Honor

What President Anderson failed to do, however, was consult the Honor Council President, B-J Huff, before making this appointment, as is mandated in the Honor Council Constitution

Council Constitution.

According to B-J Huff and new Honor
Council President Stephen Gregg,
President Anderson never stated a reason
for failing to set up a meeting beforehand,
though President Anderson said Huff did

"I have met with former president of the Honor Council B-J Huff and with current president Stephen Gregg, and we agree that it is time to move forward and utilize the

positive improvements of the Honor Constitution amendments that were

Constitution amendments that were recently approved by the student body and the Board of Visitors," Anderson said.

President Anderson made the appointment because he felt it was time to give someone else a chance to be involved with the Council.

"I frequently recent

"I frequently assignments among faculty and staff in order to involve more people in leadership roles, which strengthens the institution," he

said.
The Honor Council feels replacing
Frackelton will hurt the Council.
"Professor Frackelton has served the

Honor Council in some capacity for 16 of the last 20 years. Council members are able to ask him what has historically happened with similar cases in the past," Huff and Gregg said.

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UMW Alumni's-Tavern May Close

By C. HAZELBAKER Staff Writer

Three Mary Washington alumni are

Three Mary Washington alumni are struggling against local zoning regulations after opening of their new business, The Sunken Well Tavern.

The Tavern, which is located at the intersection of Little Page Road and Hanover Road, a few blocks from campus, has sparked a controversy among neighborhood residents who fear the late hours and full ABC licensure requested by the owners will interrupt their quiet the owners will interrupt their quiet neighborhood.

neighborhood.
"People are losing sight of the issue here," said Carrie O'Malley, who lives directly across the street from the Tavern.
"This is zoned a a residential area, and their business is a huge expansion of what is legally allowed here. I want my children to be able to walk outside my house without

being hit by a drunk driver, or waking up in the middle of the night to the noise of a bar

the middle of the night to the noise or a bar fight."

O'Malley, a commercial real estate attorney, is among a handful of neighbors who have contacted local zoning officials and the Virginia Department of Alcohol Beverage Control requesting a review of the case. As a result, the Tavern is functioning with limited hours and is not serving alcohol.

"We are a restaurant," said Paul Stoddard, co-owner and former assistant basketball coach at Mary Washington. "We just want to have the same opportunity as the other local businesses."

Stoddard, Steve Cameli and Rob Ivy, co-owners of the Tavern, have no desire to

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Community Reacts to Emerson's Pulitzer

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ages of four to 18.

By C. HAZELBAKER Staff Writer

On Sunday, May 23, the University of Mary Washington hosted the first Walk for Copprome to benefit a Honduran orphanage on the brink of

Over \$120,000 was raised through this event for the Copprome orphanage, a center in Honduras that provides a home, schooling and nourishment to over 70 orphaned and abandoned children between the

ages of four to 18.

Money was raised through individual donations and walker sponsorship collected from participants' family and friends as well as a challenge grant awarded by the Sunshine Lady Foundation, of Wilmington, NC.

"This is the biggest fundraising event, and the largest mobilization effort that students have put together in the history of our school," said senior Shin Fujiyama, who helped organize the event. "We

Claudia Emerson, associate professor of English at the University of Mary Washington, has been awarded the Pulitzer Prize in Poetry for 2006.

Along with other Pulitzer recipients, Emerson will be recognized at a luncheon held at the Columbia School of Journalism in New York in May and will also receive a \$10,000 cash award.



Students participate in the Walk for Honduras on Sunday. After gaining donation from sponsors, walkers traveled a five or ten-mile circuit around campus

Hundreds Walk

For Copprome

She received the award in recognition of her third book of poetry, "Late Wife." Her publisher, Louisiana State University Press, nominated her for the award.

want to thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts. Members of the Students Helping Honduras (SHH) dedicated this semester to the orphans in Honduras and every minute was worth it because of

Honduras and every minute was worth it because of the overwhelming success in the walkathon."

The Sunshine Lady Foundation, founded by Doris Buffet, sister of investment king Warren Buffet, agreed to donate \$2 for every \$1 that the walkathon raised, up to \$66,666 according to Shin, who met Doris Buffet through an economic class she sponsored at the University of Mary Washington

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"I gave Doris Buffet a Christmas card made by one of the orphans at Copprome, and asked her for her help," Fujiyama said.

The Sunshine Lady Foundation matched the over \$50,000 raised by the five to ten mile Walkathon with all pledged \$66,666 according to senior Brian Strider, a co-organizer of the event.

ine prize established by Pulitaestablished by Joseph Pulitzer in 1917 and is awarded annually in 21 categories, including several news reporting categories, poetry, biography and fiction. Emerson is in good company. The Pulitzer for poetry was first awarded in 1922 and its past winners include such writers as Robert Frost and Sylvia Plath.

Sylvia Plath.

Emerson received her bachelor's degree in
English from the University of Virginia in 1979
and her MFA in poetry from the University of
North Carolina at Greensboro in 1991. She
began teaching at Mary Washington in 1998 and

received the University of Mary Washington Alumni Association Outstanding Young Faculty Award in 2003.

Award in 2003.

Warren Rochelle, associate professor of English, was a classmate with Emerson at UNC Greensboro from 1989 through 1991. He knew had heard of her nomination last fall and called her award, "richly deserved."

When everyone received word from the Pulitzer committee, "Dr. Harding ran around the

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Day Forecast







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High: 69 Low: 52





Verbatim ...

"Unlike in any other sport, there can be no 'hot shot.' It's all for one or all for none."

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Police Beat



April 13—It was reported to police that, between 1 p.m and 2 p.m., someone stole a April 13—It was reported to pouce mar, between 1 p.m and 2 p.m., someone stole a Sony Cybershot Digital Camera, valued at \$400, from the construction trailer next to the parking deck. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under vestigation

April 17—At 4 a.m., an officer on patrol at the Battlegrounds saw a vehicle pull into the lot and drive to the edge of the property. The officer caught up with the vehicle and found a 21-year-old female resident of Marshall Hall 21-year-old female resident of Marshall Hall and an 18-year-old male resident of Randolph Hall cutting down bamboo trees. According to police, the students said they needed the bamboo for an art project but did not have permission. Police referred the students to the

April 18—Two 22-year-old male commuter students reported to police that, between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., someone stole their credit cards from the locker room of Goolrick Hall. Investigation showed that the cards were used at retailers in Central Park after they were stofen. University police are working with Fredericksburg police on this incident. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

April 19—At 2:09 a.m., a 20-year-old female resident of Randolph Hall reported to police that someone smashed the driver's side window, valued at \$350. Witnesses to the act gave police a description of the suspect, but no one matching the description was found in

April 21—A 20-year-old female resident or Marshall Hall reported to police that, between April 18 and April 21, someone stole her Raleigh Bike, valued at \$300, from the bike rack next to Brent House.

-At 2:36 a.m., an officer on patrol heard and saw four students in the Monroe fountain. Two, a 21-year-old male commuter student and a 19-year-old female resident of

"We raised around \$120,000 with everyone's help," Strider said. "I thank everyone so much for donating, walking and supporting the cause. And the checks are still

coming in."

People from all over the UMW and Fredericksburg community participated in the Walk for Copprome, which was held from 1:30 p.m. and went till 6p.m. Sunday, including students, professors, members of the Board of Visitors, and newly appointed President William J. Frawley, as well as students from William & Mary, who also have a Students Helping Honduras chapter, organized by Fuilyama's sister, Cosmo.

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"Today I saw groups of people coming together for a great cause, to help save orphans. When you are performing a good and

organizations, as well as various are performing a good and just cause help seems to come out of the woodwork and I saw that today," Strider said. "Churches, temples, and campus religious organizations, as well as various on campus clubs, sports teams, academic departments, rotary clubs, and businesses— everyone contributed."

The event featured free massages, dancers,

music and food, which was donated by the Fredericksburg food bank, the University Apartments, and the Multicultural Center, as well as donations by local businesses. The bands featured were "HEREtoday", Pash and Broken Blue Centerlight

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Walk-a-thon Earns

Over 100 Thousand

Virginia Hall, were partially clothed and were referred to the administration. Two, Timothy Jones, a 22-year-old male commuter student, and Lindsay McClelland, an 18-year-old female resident of Virginia Hall, were naked and arrested for indecent exposure

April 21—At 3:36 p.m., a 19-year-old female resident of Virginia Hall intentionally overdosed on prescription medication. According to police, the student .was transported to Mary Washington Hospital.

April 22—At 2:35 a.m., an officer on patrol saw someone passed out on a bench in front of Lee Hall. Police said the officer had difficulty waking the subject, who was then unsteady on his feet and appeared to be intoxicated. Police arrested Michael Smith, a 20-year-old male resident of Spotsylvania County for being drunk in public. drunk in public

April 22—At 12:05 p.m., residence life reported to police that someone wrote profanity in Mason Hall on the walls of the fourth floor and in the stairwell in dry-erase marker. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

April 23—At 3 a.m., it was reported to police that someone broke chairs, windows and an electric light, valued at \$535, in the lobby of Russell Hall. Investigation revealed that a 19-year-old male resident of Russell Hall admitted to causing the damage.

April 23—At 3:25 p.m., a 20-year-old male resident of Custis Hall reported to police that while he was playing tag football near the parking deck, he was tackled and began coughing up blood. According to police, the Fredericksburg rescue squad transported the student to Mary Washington Hospital.

report of a suspicious person in the area of the UMW Apartments. Police issued Freddie Hill, a 35-year-old male with no fixed address, a trespass warning.

Fujiyama and other students with the organization, Students Helping Honduras, have volunteered at the Copprome orphanage and the surrounding city of El Progreso, Honduras, where decreasing social conditions have caused an influx in the number of orphans.

Volunteers plant vegetable gardens and bring Christmas gifts to the children.

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According to Fujiyama, the funds raised will go to pay off land debts and will expand the building to eliminate crowding which has been recently worsened by the forced closure of their second facility in December 2005. Any additional funding will go towards the installation of a water purification system and the purchase of medicine and food.

"This year we were able to save the orphanage from collapsing or shutting down," Fujiyama said. "Our next goal is to have internet access in Copprome and a trained staff within the next three years, which has been the

within the next three years, which has been the key to success in other orphanages in Honduras. This would allow us to start a child

Honduras. This would allow us to start a child sponsorship program in Copprome which would , significantly increase their annual revenue. We hope to organize a second annual walkathon next year due to overwhelming request by the participants."

If you would like to donate, please make out a check to CCC Honduras Fund, 1213 Dandridge Street, Fredericksburg, Va. 22401





Tait

Ask The Newsies

hat is going to happen to Tait & Teller next year? Who's going to answer all of our questions?

Relax. Breathe. Everything's going to be OK

True, we are moving on. But that doesn't nean we're going to leave a void. Teller will be graduating in a few weeks nd moving on to bigger and better things. She and moving onto orgger and enter things. She has a job already lined up designing the pages at the newspaper in Lynchburg.

We will miss her.

Since there will no longer be a Teller, there can never again be a Tait & Teller.

Tait will still be here, just in a different reaction.

She is the new editor in chief of the paper

She is the new editor in chief of the paper (booyah) and is no longer a newsie.

So Tait & Teller will be gone after this issue. This is the last column.

It ran for a year, you all were great. Writing in every week with thoughful questions.

No you didn't.
In fact, we had to make up a lot of our own

But it's OK, we forgive you. Next year you will see two new faces in the ews section

news section. Between seek work aleas in the news section. Elizabeth Nowrouz and Erica Jackson have taken over the news section. They will be fielding your questions next year.

Tait & Teller have full faith in these girls and you should too. Of course, they'll have to come up with a new name for the column.

But yeah, even though you guys didn't really send us very many questions this year, we know you've been reading, if only by the sheer number of people who've come to us and said, "Hey! You're from Tait & Teller!"

We're gonna miss that. And we'll miss writing for you guys. Treat Erica and Elizabeth well, and by that, we mean send them your questions.

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Katie Teller and Stephanie Tait are The

Honor Council Adviser Steps Up

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change, however the Honor Council

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interests of the University at heart. -Bernard Chirico

"Because of the new switch, the procedural adviser, Chirico, has not had adequate training and is unable to assist the Honor Council in the

same capacity as Professor Frackelton."

Chirico feels he has the appropriate experience needed to assist the Council.

"As I have been co-chairing the honor system review committee set up by the Board the Board of Visitors, and much of my role as head of student affairs involves working with students, I thought that I had sufficient knowledge to be of help to the Honor Council," he said.

Huff and Gregg noted that new powers given to the procedural adviser are also cause for concern. Those new powers include placing

nor concern. Those new powers include placing Chirico in charge of the Honor Council budget and requiring all Honor Council mail to go through his office first, and taking over the education role which had been the job of the council, honor contacts and honor advisers, they said.

"The power to appoint a procedural adviser lies with the University president, but determining the powers of the Procedural adviser is an Honor Council matter," Huff and Gregg

President Anderson said he did not grant the

procedural adviser any new powers.

Chirico is optimistic that he will work well with the Honor Council.

"It's human nature to be wary of change, however the Honor Council is made up of a group of very invested students who have the best interests of the University at heart," he said.

Some students believe that since this is the last semester of Anderson's role as Anderson's role as president, it is not his place to be m a k i n g appointments.

"That's like a

"That's like a president appointing a chief justice in the last month of his term; sure he has the ability to do it, but if he's not going to be here, he shouldn't have the power to make such a serious chance" sophomore change," sophomore Ross Marshall said.

agree with him.

"If someone was needed ASAP then the appointment is okay, but if it was something that could have waited then he shouldn't have made the appointment because he's not going to be here," sophomore Melissa Lovely said.

"Students concerned about increased faculty involvement in the student run Honor Council, and the President's lack of concern for the Honor Council constitution, should contact the BOV and the President's Office to voice your complaints," Huff and Gregg said.

ate Wife" Praised

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department like Paul Revere, spreading the news," Rochelle said, referring to James Harding, associate professor of English. "I went over to her office and gave her a big hug," Rochelle said. "She was beside herself, to say the least." Rochelle then called their old graduate MFA program and told them.

Emerson has received numerous other prizes for her work, including a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in poetry, as well as a

Witter Bynner Fellowship in 2005, which also includes a \$10,000 cash prize from the Library of

includes a \$10,000 cash prize from the Lionary of Congress.

Rochelle has read her work and loved it.

"I think [Late Wife] is her best work so far. Beautiful, lyrical and deeply personal, yet still connecting to readers — even those who are not women or divorced," he said. "It is a beautiful, learnifelt heth." beautiful book "

Emerson is on sabbatical this semester and will return to the classroom in the fall.

Sunken Well Faces Zoning Restrictions

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contributed.

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"The neighbors want us to change the hours to make them from 9 o'clock a.m. to 6 o'clock p.m. on weekdays, closed Mondays and open from 9 o'clock a.m. to 1 o'clock p.m. on weekends," Stoddard said. "We cannot make a business run with those hours."

The Tavern, which was opened on Feb. 15 of this year, has been site to a number of businesses over the years. In the past 20 years it has evolved from a store, to a sub shop and a catering shop before the Tavern. with those hours.'

"Under zoning laws that were passed in 1984 regarding zoned residential areas, this piece of property can continue to have the commercial

function of the business before it, but may not said O'Malley, who is involved with the expand," said O'Malley, who is involved with the case, but not representing this case. "(The owners] have requested that the hours be expanded from 7 in the morning until 2 in the morning, as well as requesting for full ABC licensure covering their entire property. This is an

expansion."

The owners insist that they have no desire to go crazy in the evenings, are understanding of the concerns, but ultimately want to be responsible,

according to Stoddard.

"Its our business to be responsible," said
Stoddard. "This is not a battle between us and the

city."
O'Malley, who noticed the pending ABC licensure sign posted on a window at the Tavern,

is one of a number of neighbors who have notice the controversy regarding the Sunken Well

Tavern.
"I do want [the owners] to be able to stay open," said Penny Wack, who lives on the same block as the Tavern. "I think it is a great place, but I have no idea why they want to stay open so late. Who do you really know that eats at that hour?"
The basic fear comes from concern over increased traffic, noise, trash and safety, according to O'Malley.
"This home has been in my family for over fifty years," O'Malley said. "The purpose of the laws that regard this issue are to protect the property owners' rights. We want this property's function to slowly phase out of commercial, to function to slowly phase out of commercial, to shrink the use, not expand it."

Still, some local residents who live in the surrounding areas look favorably on the plight of e Tavern owners to gain their full hours and

surrounting a case of the Tavern owners to gain their full hours and ABC licensure.

"I think they oughtta give them a chance," said Adele Barrett, who has been a resident of Fredericksburg city for six years. "I could understand why noise could be a factor there. There's a lot of history there."

An influx of Mary Washington students into the neighborhood keeping late hours at the Tavern may be the concern here, but the owners of the Tavern feel it shouldn't be.

"We want to offer full bar services, but we are not going to be offering college specials," said Stoddard said. "We are a restaurant first."

Viewpoints

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Editorial

Where's Our Free Speech?

You all saw them. They were

Men in suits handing out the New

We're not talking one person handing out a pamphlet, we're talking seven or eight people strategically placed along campus walk: two in front of Lee Hall, two in front of the Eagles Nest, two in front of Monroe and one in front of Jepson.

They were all armed with boxes of en covered scripture.

How is this possible?

Administrative officials have made it clear that groups cannot hand

out literature on campus.

The College Republicans tried to do so at the Kaine rally last fall and campus police made them stop.

While the Student Handbook does not directly address the issue, officials say that this would "impede the educational process."

However, Bernard Chirico, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, told *The Bullet* last fall that the Testament wielding people are given special permission.

Why aren't we all allowed to hand

out literature to students on campus?
We are a publicly funded We are a publicly funded institution, therefore we need to be treated as a public forum.

If we let one religion hand out Jesus-ridden text, we should allow students to hand out fliers advertising the sale of their loft.



Demonstrators at the April 10 rally in Washington demanded comprehensive immigration reform, rights and legalization for the 12 million undocumented immigrants living in the U.S.

Immigrants Not Criminals

By EMILY SALA

I have outlined these arguments before in *The Bullet*, ("No Human Is Illegal," April 6, 2006) but am willing to do so again and again.

The United States immigration system is broken in all places. Policymakers as well as everyday people need to look no further than the immigrant experience in this country to see its brokenness.

Many people talk about undocumented immigrants as if they are not human. They disdain undocumented immigrants for not having

disdain undocumented immigrants for not having followed the "laws of this country,"

Many of the same people who throw around the dehumanizing terms of "illegal" and "legal" have not a clue know how damn hard it is for most people to migrate to this country with documents. It is impossible for many. It is beyond imaginable for most critics of undocumented immigrants.

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The number of visas available for immigrants each year is extremely limited, and these numbers have not been changed in decades. A person waiting for a visa to join his family in the U.S. could wait as long as 20 years for that visa. Few visas are available for people without very

particular skills and backgrounds.

Because of the brokenness of the immigration system, undocumented immigrants come to the U.S. without documents in order to find a better

life for their families.

Society in the U.S. demonizes undocumented mmigrants. As research from the Pew Hispanic Center, the University of California - Los Angeles (UCLA) Center for the Study of Urban Poverty and other sources tells us, the overwhelming majority of undocumented immigrants are not criminals.

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Most pay taxes and Social Security which they might never see again.

They are active in their communities, and they support their family members and communities here and abroad.

Any proposed legislation that tries to turn undocumented immigrants into criminals is ludicrous and is not the answer.

HR4437, or the "Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005," would not benefit the citizens of the United States, nor would it benefit immigrants to this country. Building an enormous wall on the border with Mexico, criminalizing undocumented immigrants and those who assist them, and offering no path to who assist them, and offering no path to

legalization and citizenship for the 12 million

legalization and citizenship for the 12 million undocumented immigrants who already live here, is not the answer.

Comprehensive immigration reform is an attempt at a beginning. Comprehensive immigration reform would deal effectively with undocumented immigrants already in the U.S., future flows of workers and their families, realistic policies, and support for immigrants in the communities in which they settle. It must provide a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants already in the U.S.

Additionally, comprehensive immigration

Additionally, comprehensive immigration reform would reunite families and encourage participation for immigrants to this

civic participation for immigrants to this country.

If we examine what the immigrant experience truly is for the majority of immigrants to this country, we would better be able to see that comprehensive immigration reform offers far greater benefits than the discrimination, hat is the proposed of the programme gnorance, xenophobia and fear we find in

No matter what your background is, I hope you can consider the human immigrant side of this debate.

Internet In Jeopardy?

Here we attempt to address both sides of the debate over network neutrality so that you have an objective understanding of what is going on and why or how it will affect you. Network neutrality is an agreement that telecommunications companies— "telcoms"—will not discriminate against competitors when subscribers use their services. The idea is that no matter which Internet service provider you use, your access to the Internet will not be any different.

fferent.
Telcoms such as AT&T want less
vernmental regulation of the Internet, but
vocates of network neutrality want the
vernment to pass laws that would force these
ternet service providers to remain neutral.

why network neutrality harms lecommunications companies: Internet service providers like AT&T have id down the wires that allow companies like whoe and Google to operate their services. As a neutral carrier, AT&T cannot collect ser from Yahoo, one from Yahoo's users. This leans that, aside from the small fees for

Yahoo's servers to connect to the Internet, AT&T earns nothing. With the development of technology and the Internet, web surfers can now perform bandwidth-heavy operations that hog their ISP's resources without paying extra fees to the telcoms for the increased traffic load.

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Someone must pay for these services; so far, BellSouth has had to absorb the costs under network neutrality, but services such as iTunes are exploiting the communication lines. iTunes earns money for Apple, but none of that is being shared with the line providers.

It seems only fair that Apple and/or the user help defray the cost of the bandwidth usage.

Why network neutrality helps the Internet:

A major tenant of the Internet is that deserving Web sites become popular, which encourages an innovative attitude.

With service provided by neutral telcoms, anyone can try out new ideas online, but if Internet service providers begin to charge for the use of their communications lines, only some people and companies will be able to afford it.

In addition to a possible increase in the cost of using the Web, ISPs could manipulate users'

cess to services. It could slow or block traffic and from services not affiliated with the rent company, forcing customers to utilize the

General use of the Internet could also be

General use of the Internet could also be subject to fees. BellSouth may "consider charging Apple 5 or 10 cents extra each time a customer downloads a song using iTunes" (Washington Post, Jan. 22, 2006), if released from neutrality.

This action would generate revenue to cover the increased costs of sustaining the rising volume of music downloads, but if Apple is charged to pay for the bandwidth usage, then the charge may get passed on to the end user: you.

Consider the analogy:
Telecommunications comp
constructed the physical roads compan constructed the physical roads that Internet traffic uses. Shipping companies, among other services, earn money from people using the shipping services, but the road-constructors get no share of those profits. Governmental deregulation—the release of companies from neutrality—would allow the road-constructors to charge tolls to cover the massive cost of building and maintaining the

At the same time, it would also allow the road-builders to expand or contract lanes and dead-end roads as they see fit.

Without network neutrality, road-builders may allow only certain types of cars to drive on their roads, and only to drive to certain

Why you should care:

The results of this legislation will impact everyone who uses the Internet. It benefits average Internet users like you and me when the telcoms pick up the tab, but there is good reason for those companies to demand recompense for the use of their lines.

Network neutrality is not a case of telecommunication companies trying to restrict free speech so much a way for them to reclaim financial drain.

Considering the financial burden telcoms are

Considering the financial burden telcoms are Considering the Innancial burden teacoms are faced with if prohibited from collecting fees, as well as the potential for abuse if network neutrality is suspended, it is our obligation as Internet users to be aware of what is under debate and construct informed opinions.

W. is a junior and C. is a sophomore.

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Seniors Hit The Beach Scene

Y AMY MALONEY

year hundreds of Mary Washington lock to the shores of Myrtle Beach to celebrate their last week as college students. The notorious "dead week" celebrates the week

notorious "dead week" celebrates the week between finals and graduation. "Dead week," however, is somewhat of a misnomer as students do little laying down or relaxing, and instead spend their time drinking, partying and spending time with their graduating

Señior Mike Mattson has gone for the past two years and plans to stay in a house with 40 othe people this year in northern Myrtle Beach, a six hour drive from Fredericksburg.

"Every year you get a group of people who might not hang out at school, but when you get down there and you're seniors, everyone can cut loose," Mattson said. "You're not worried about

loose, "Mattson said. "You're not worried about anything anymore, so everyone kind of intermingles."

Although there are some bars close to north Myrtle it is more likely that students will have house parties, according to Mattson.

"There's a cool little bar right down the road that manifely the form of the cool of

that we might go to for a night or two, but we'll probably just drink on the beach during the day and have a few parties as well," he said.

summer for a few days. He didn't even have a hotel room or house to stay in.
"We drove a couple of people down and stayed with them in their rooms or condos and just kind of went with the flow for a few days." Shin said. "It was just a lot of drinking and hanging out on the beach, we didn't really go to bars or clubs too much cause we stayed in North Myrtle which is more residential."

Shin said that his last day there was the most memorable. He recalled the moming they were supposed to leave one of his friends was missing

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supposed to leave one of his friends was missing until 2 p.m., and he was already drunk.

"He said he had slept on the beach and woken up at around 11, had pissed himself so he took a dip in the ocean, and then other people came down to the beach and started drinking so he did

Senior Katherine Urban went down last year and slept in a tent outside some other stud-

and slept in a ten consider.

"We slept outside the lacrosse girls' house in a tent and slept on the floor of a hotel room one night which I think was actually better because we went down kind of on a whim," Urban said. "It was my 21 birthday last year when I went, and it was really cool because a lot of different people hung out so when there was a party I got to talk

Tootball, according to Urban.
"I'm so excited, it's going to be so much fun,
we're just going to rage it," Urban said.
"Everyone's in a great mood, I can't wait.
Urban's parents traded in a timeshare they
have as a graduation gift, so that she and her
friends can go down for free.

To save money, Urban also plans to bring
down some procerties although she's excited for

down some groceries, although she's excited fo a particular grocery store that she and her friends frequented last year. "I think it's called IGB and it has the best fried

Think it's called IGB and it has the best fried chicken ever, and it's open all the time," Urban said. "We went there a lot. I can't wait."

Senior Jason Jaeger, one of the 40 students staying in the house with Mattson, said that he is

saying in the house with Matason, said that he is paying \$116 for lodging for the week, and he hopes he will have his own bed.

"I plan to drink and hang out with a lot of my friends who I probably won't see for a while,"
Jaeger said. "I think we'll be reminiscing and thinking about all the things we've done together, all day is going to be a party on the beach, and then at night will be parties and bars."

Mattson has stayed in this house the past two "dead weeks" he has attended as well.

Fifth year senior Andrew Shin went last to a lot of people I wouldn't normally get to."

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Students spend their days on the beach bearbequing, drinking and playing volleyball and the proper from a house the open control of the people. Mattson said. "We've had to the proper from a house the than you would expect from a house that slee 40 people." Mattson said. "We've had the hou

40 people." Matton said. "We've had the house the past two years so far, so it's kind of a tradition. The majority of the group is seniors, it's the last hoorah, the last big thing, so we tried to save a lot of room for them."

Shin, who plans to go again this year, anticipates a lot of craziness although he doubts that it will be the bonding experience that people might expect.

might expect. might expect.

"Last year most of my friends stayed around for a month or so after graduating, so they were still going to have time together," Shin said. "I don't know that bonding was really going on too much, a lot of my friends who were graduating were really out of control just because it's the last time that they can be." time that they can be.'

time that they can be."

With the amount of alcohol expected to be consumed and the days and nights of non-stop partying. Mattson said that drunk driving is not something he is worried about.

"The good thing is that you can walk to grocery stores, convenience stores or bars and we just have to cross the street to get to the beach," Mattson said. "If you wanted to take a cab for some reason it would probably only be about \$2.50 to get around the whole place."

Female Veterans Bound To The Bookstore

By ANDREA CHRISTIE Staff Writer

Staft Writer

I'll be the first to admit, I was always in a hurry to get in and out of the Mary Washington bookstore as quickly as possible and probably didn't have the greatest attitude.

The extent of my time in the bookstore was buying my textbooks. Just the thought of paying a month's paycheck for something I probably wouldn't use ever again created a bad association in my mind.

My image was quickly shattered the moment I walkled in the bookstore one Wednesday afternoon. Smiles and laughter among the employees transferred to their customers as they checked them out and chatted about what has happened since they last saw each other.

"We're like a family here," said Wilma Evans, who has worked

"We're like a family here," said Wilma Evans, who has worked at the bookstore for 26 years. "When someone is crying, we cry and when someone is happy, we're happy,"

The bookstore is home to four full-time employees and nine part-time employees, plus 11 student workers as well.

¹When 1 look at other offices on campus, we really have low turnover [of employees], "said McManus-Carnii, the bookstore director. "Several of these ladies were here when I was a student here."

Many of the employees have worked at UMW for several years

Many of the employees have worked at UMW for several years. After speaking with each of them, I can see the love they have for UMW, but in particular the students.

Dot Jones has worked at the bookstore for 22 years and has lived in the Fredericksburg area for 67 years.

"I just love the students because I'm old and they're young," Jones said. "They keep me young. It's just not the same when they're not here in the summer."

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Evans attributes her long employment at the bookstore to the kindness of the UMW community. In all her years here, she has only had one person who was rude towards her.

Evans began working at UMW in 1979 at the coffee shop in Lee Hall, similar to the Eagles Nest. After an offer from the manager,

Evans transferred downstairs to the bookstore in 1980 and has been there ever since

there ever since.

Alumni weekends are one of Evans' favorite times.

"Students come in and say 'Oh you're still here'," Evans said.
"There were four girls who used to come in and buy bubble gum
all the time. One alumni weekend they came in and said, 'Do you
remember us? We're the bubble gum girls.' That's what makes it

Martha Smith, a bookstore employee for six years, said another

perk of working at the bookstore is the flexible hours.
"If you need time off it's never a problem," Smith said. "And we don't have to work weekends or nights."

As I chat with Evans and Jones, Smith pops into the little

bookstore to say she's leaving early

bookstore to say site a returning summer for the day.

"I told you they were flexible here," Smith jokes with me as she continues to chat with the other employees about when they will see each other next.

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each other next.

Along with providing an enjoyable work environment for employees, the bookstore also provides a great service to the UMW and Fredericksburg community.

Textbook manager Kathy Underwood summed up the goal of the bookstore.

"[We want] the UMW community "[We want] the UMW community to have a good understanding of what the bookstore is here to do," Underwood said. "We're part of the community. Our mission is to support the academic mission of the

According to McManus-Carini, According to McManus-Carini, UMW is one of only three bookstores left in Virginia that are institutional stores, meaning that all profits go back to the university to fund various projects on campus. The bookstore works hard to keep prices down for students, always searching for the best deals on prachandies.

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Despite what students may think of high textbook prices, UMW Despite what students may think of high textbook prices, UMW actually has lower prices compared to most universities, according to Underwood. UMW's markup up is only 25% compared to the average 33 percent for most schools.

Each semester the bookstore holds an advisory committee meeting, open to all whom wish to add input.

"We want to get feedback from students on what we can improve upon," McManus-Carini said. "We'd love to have students

improve upon," McManus-Carini said. "We'd love to have students come [to meetings] and we could sit back, throw out questions and have a great forum for them to talk."

The bookstore, like any business, is always looking for new ways to market themselves. In the past year, they have provided many new programs and events for customers.

With textbooks, the bookstore now allows students to order health achieve the find from 11MW, memorable within with

books online. Also with funds from UMW's sponsorship with Pepsi, the bookstore awards money to academic departments who get books orders in first for each semester. The winning departments determine the recipients, UMW students, who use the



Kathy Burchell and Beverly Shelesky work in the UMW Bookstore. They are two of the many women who have worked at the bookstore for years.

funds toward textbooks

Funds from Pepsi also helped the bookstore decorate a room for freshmen preview last July. Smith and Jones headed the decorating project, which provided \$500 worth of giveaways for visiting

We used stuff in the store here and decorated a vacant room, Just recently on April 17 Wenter and decorated a vacant from,
Jones said. "We showed students how you can use our merchandise
in a dorm room. For example, we used T-shirts as curtains."
Just recently on April 17 Wendy Harris, a UMW alumna,
displayed and sold her jewelry and glassware at the bookstore.
One of McManus-Carini's hopes for the future is to have a Tshit design contest.

design contest.

"[The theme is] your top 10 reasons for coming to UMW," she

the distance off of David Letterman."

Always trying to come up with creative ideas for sales promotions, the employees hope that many stop in to see what's

"If people are ordering their books online sometimes they don't take the opportunity to come in [to the bookstore]," McManus-Carini said.

Thumbs Up... Thumbs Down...



To Tierney Plumb.



To people not reading the last issue of the semester.



To Devil Goat Day



To thinking you're P-Diddy at the White Party.

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Summer Staples

BY: Tierney Plumb & Kerri Scales

Girls BELTS

Waisting away in Beltville?
ry this Summer trend and let it
rise for the occasion.

EMBORIDERY: Stitches, patterns and prints oh my! All are in but even the lion wouldn't have the courgae to wear all three at once.

BATHINGSUIT: The only time two ces should match is f you're 5 or 50. Pair a solid with a fun print to look original and save money



WEDGES For all those hoping for an instant supermodel spurt, you're in luck. This sandal can be paired with shorts or slacks, just no socks please



EARTHTONES: Be down to earth by sticking with neutral tones. Add a sheer gloss to your dewey complexion to accentuate your natural summer glow. Guys

RAINBOWS:
Sport these sandals and let
your feet be as happy as you are
when you're strolling with a hot
chick. But be sure to prevent
thong tans.



Maverick didn't get Top Gun on talent alone. You too can earn your trendsetting wings





can remember you haven't been popping your collar, so don't start now.

SIXPACK Girls would rather look at the one under your shirt not under your arm. Got both? Now that's the perfect package.

come out to parties and to wherever I can take him."

One place that Redder cannot take Barkley, nicknamed "The Bean" and "Barkleby Dominico," is to class.

Redder considers these few hours that he must leave Barkley in

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"She likes to play," LaMariana said. "And she loves peuple and
other dogs."

Shelby, Sochard's dog, is not as friendly towards other dogs.
Recently, Sochard let Shelby wander campus leash-less, she ran up
to two other dogs, at least a foot and a half taller than she is, and
bared her teeth and growled.

As Sochard scooped Shelby up into her arms she apologized to
the owner of the other dogs.
"My dog is, um, a little aggressive," she said. "She honestly
thinks she can take them."

When Shelby calmed down, Sochard explained the difficulty of
not knowing about the first three years of Shelby's life.
"She's weird," she said, as Shelby dodged the hand of a
passerby who wanted to pet her furry head. "You definitely take a
risk when you adopt. But she's worth it."

LaMariana also acknowledges the difficulty of adopting a
dog that has already developed a personality.

Training her dog has been
trying at times, and
LaMariana
admits
that Leila still goes
to the bathroom
in the house
sometimes.
"Having

in the house sometimes.

"Having a dog is like having a small child. It's not all fun,"

LaMariana said. "I really wanted the responsibility though. I guess it makes me feel like I have a purpose."

Her responsibilities don't end after college, though. LaMariana is living with friends in a house in Fredericksburg next year, but she said whatever comes after that must include Leila.

"I'm going to keep her ne.

m going to keep her no matter what," lariana said. "Even if I end up living in

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Drama Blends Mystery, Comedy

Veronica Mars is extremely pissed off. Last year her best friend was murdered, and after fumbling the investigation her father lost his job as town sheriff. Soon after, her mother went AWOL, her true love dumped her and to top it all off she got date raped by an unknown assailant at a classmate's party. That's all in just the first episode. The fact that "Veronica Mars" episode. The fact that "Veronica Mattranscends its depressing beginnings to become of the funniest and most romantic teen

VM never rests on its laurels. What really keeps VM never rests on its laurels. What really keeps the show interesting is the way things happen in a very sudden and drastic manner. Don't expect the endless chain of cliffhangers found in many popular dramas (*cough "Lost" *cough). In each season of VM, hearts are broken, mysteries are solved and characters are actually allowed to mature and progress.

Mysteries are the show's main theme, so it's Mysteries are the show's main theme, so it's appropriate that Kristen Bell plays Veronica as if she was one of Philip Marlowe's direct descendants. She agrees to help classmates solve their problems but always with a note of sarcasm and the promise of cash up front. Bell is without a doubt the new TV actress to

watch.

I've never seen anyone capable of playing for intense drama then switching to "Seinfeld" caliber comedy at the drop of a hat. Bell's refusal to pigeonhole Veronica's character adds even more layers to an already fascinating character.

Even a character as headstrong as Veronica Mars would become stale without an incredible cast of supporting characters. It's a good thing VM has them in spades. Her father Keith (Enrico Colantoni) is ceasily the most compelling of the

tather Keith (Enrico Colantoni) is easily the most compelling of the show's ancillary characters. He's constantly caught between his desire to keep Veronica safe and the recognition of her brilliant crime solving abilities. of her brilliant crime solving abilities.
Her best friend and occasional
accomplice Wallace (Percy Daggs III) is
a great counterpoint to Veronica's
intensity. Other characters like
motorcycle gang leader with Eli "Weevil"
Navarro (Francis Capra) and selfobsessed rich kid Logan Echolls (Jason
Dohring) add an endless amount of flavor
to an already interesting and diverse cast of

The show's episodic nature is another one of its strong points. Instead of completely relying on the mysteries presented in the first episode, most episodes have a seemingly separate story. However, if you look closer you'll see that each of these min imysteries sheds important light on individual characters and gives clues regarding each season's big mystery. The stories in each individual episode are often just as compelling as the overarching plot. The individual mysteries don't pigeonhole either, some are silly like trying to find out who stole the Neptune High school mascot. Others however deal with much more serious issues like child molestation. "Veronica Mars" refusal to be any one thing makes it one The show's episodic nature is another one of Mars" refusal to be any one thing makes it one of the most consistently entertaining shows on

TV.

Those bored with traditional teen dramas and cop show knockoffs should definitely give "Veronica Mars" a shot. What's to loose other than an awe inspiring TV experience. New episodes air every Tuesday 49 p.m. on UPN and the first season's DVD box set can be bought just about anywhere that sells DVDs.



Senior Ryan Little and sophomore Ross Marshall play during the

testament

incredible cast

and writing staff.

Underground Blowout last Saturday.

The secret to VM's success is intricate blend of genre. It's equal parts "Nancy Drew" and "The OC", with a smidge of "The Outsiders", and a dab of "Buffy the Vampire

and "The OC", with a smidge of "The Outsiders", and a dab of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer." The first season's main plot thread involves Veronica's attempt to find out who really murdered her best friend Lily Kane, but

Professors Tout Texts

Staff Writer
Going to Borders or the library or can be overwhelming. With shelves and shelves of books, it's hard to know where to start. How do you know which book to pick? How do you know what's worth resting?

to pick? How do you know what's worth reading?

Well, you no longer have to judge a book by its cover. The Bullet would like to present a reading list compiled from the suggestions of UMW faculty.

Check out what books your professors are reading in their spare time, when they aren't grading our tests and papers, that is. Both fiction and non-fiction works are included, and topics range from jazz musicians to murderous sailors to a modern-day account of Iraqis living in Baghdad.

Pick up one of these recommended books this summer and keep your brain from atrophying over break.

Joseph Romero
Classics

"Omeros"

Derek Walcott
Poetry

Poetry Walcott, a Caribbean poet and a Nobel Laureate, re-imagines the story of Odysseus in this epic poem.

Craig Naylor
Music

Music
"Free Play"
Stephen Nachmanovitch
Non-fiction
Readers will learn
creativity and inspiration,
any aspect of life.
Margaret Huber
Anthropology will learn how to tap into

Anthropology
"The Secret Life of Bees"
Sue Monk Kidd

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Fiction
Set in South Carolina in 1964, "Bees" tells
the story of a young white girl who flees from
her abusive father to a honey farm run by
three black sisters.
Paul Fallon
Limmistics

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Linguistics
"Empires of the Word: A Language History of
the World"
Nicholas Ostler
Non-fiction
A top-notch linguist traces world history
through the languages of various societies,
explaining why some languages have risen in
influence and others have died out.

Debra Schleef
Sociology

Deora Schief Sociology "Are of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age" Kevin Boyle Non-fiction

Non-letton
The story of an African-American doctor
who moves into an all-white neighborhood in
Detroit in the 1920s and accidentally kills one
of the white men threatening his home.
Liane Houghtalin

Fiction
In Graves' novel, the Odessey was not written by Homer, but by a Scicillian princess, who saves her brothers from being murdered and her father from being

usurped.
Nabil Al-Tikriti
History



History
"The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair That Changed America"
Non-fiction
Erik Larson
An account of the 1893 Chicago's World

Erik Larson
An account of the 1893 Chicago's World
Fair. The author contrasts Daniel H.
Burnham, the architect behind the fair's
construction with H.H. Holmes, a serial killer
who murdered dozens of people around the
time of the fair.
Evelyne Godfrey
Historic Preservation

"Batavia's Grupoward. The True Standard.

"Batavia's Graveyard: The True Story of the Mad Heretic Who Led History's Bloodiest

Mutiny"
Mike Dash

Mike Dash Non-fiction In 1629, a Du merchantship Dash Australia. describes harrowing that led the murder of 115 survivors by a group of sailors and their leader, Jeronimus

leader, Jeronimus
Corneliszoon.
Gary Stanton
Historic Preservation
"The Uncrowned King of Swing: Fletcher
Henderson and Big Band Jazz"
Jeffrey Magee

Non-fiction

Explores the music and lives of working musicians who played whatever it took to make the crowd happy.

Manning Collier

Mathematics

The Time of Our Singing

"The I ime of Our Snigng."
Richard Powers
In this novel, a German-Jewish physicist
meets a black, classically-trained singer at a
Civil Rights march. Powers writes about race
in America by tracing this family throughout
the second half of the twentieth century.
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"The Sixth Day"
Andrée Chedid
Fiction
This tale of an Egyptian grandmother's
attempt to save her grandson from becoming a
cholera victim revolves around the question,
"Who can share another person's troubles?"
Debra Steckler
Psychology
"The Magnus"
John Fowles
Fiction
An Englishman takes a teaching job in Greece
and falls in with a mysterious group of people
who change his life in this tale of intrigue.
Jason Davidson
Political Science
"The Outlaw Sea: A World of Freedom,
Chaos, and Crime"
William Langewiesche
Non-fiction
An exploration of the ocean shipping
industry and whether industrialized nations

An exploration of the ocean shipping industry and whether industrialized nations have given the ocean up to the free market.



Everyone has, at some point, made their own musical instrument. Be it spoons and pots as a toddler or the everlasting hand in the armpit, you've delighted in making sounds from nothing. Consider Mute Math to be a much cooler, smarter, and energetic version of you, then. Mute Math doesn't make every single one of their own instruments, but if it's not handmade, it's probably rewired. This results in truly unique

sounding instrumentation. How else do you think they make a keytar sound like Jesus preaching on steroids? I mean, drummer Darren King even has drum battles with its distorted, prerecorded self. Lead singer Paul Meany at points sounds exactly like Sting, a very soothing voice that can still rock out. He destroys this eerie similiarity, however, when he begins to shout and add raspiness to his voice. Uniqueness and a good sounding frontman would be nothing without good songwriting, however. Some of Mute Math's songs on this debut CD, "MUTEMATH," are decent, some are fantastic, and the rest fall somewhere in between. geout CD, "MUTEMATH," are decent, some are fantastic, and the rest fall somewhere in between, Highlights like "Chaos" and "Typical" are legitimate rock gems, but the slower songs on the album do not usually fare as well.

While the CD has previously only been available at shows, it is now available online from their record label, Teleprompt Records. Check out some of the new songs from this unique New Orleans band online at www.myspace.com/mutemath.

Mute Math -"MUTEMATH"

Teleprompt Records, 2006 \$12 from the Teleprompt Records Online Store



What Will You Miss Most About The Bullet?



"Watching people, including critics, scramble for a copy on Thursdays."

-Corey Byers, associate editor emeritus



"Reading the Police Beat."



"The swivel chairs."



"The awesome staff and our quote wall."



"Computer disasters."



"Playing raunchy games of 'Would you rather?"

-Adele Chapin, assistant viewpoints editor emeritus

-Amanda Crissup, copy editor emeritus -Betsy Crumb, editor in chief

-Katy Nicholson. viewpoints editor emeritus

-Katie Teller, news editor emeritus

Movie Makes Viewers Look In The Mirror

By DEBASH NEGASH Staff Writer

Paul Weitz's "American Dreamz" is a satirical dark comedy that humiliates the current condition of our culture and government. What makes this movie good is that it does it well and makes us like it, but with a message under its belt. The film's two foci are the current administration running our country and the show that rules our lives every season, "American Idol."

In the beginning of the film we meet the most powerful man in the world, President Staton (Dennis Quaid). He man in the world, President Staton (Dennis Quaid). He decides the morning after his re-election that he will take it easy and look over the paper, something he doesn't usually do. After doing some reading he makes some discoveries and for the next three weeks becomes consumed by books, daily papers and his bedroom. His chief of staff, played by Willem Dafce, becomes worried and so does the rest of the country. The Dick Cheney look-alike creates a plan to show the world the president is still in his right mind. He makes him do a line of white a measurages including one as a must judge on the

The Dick Cheney look-alike creates a plan to show the word the president is still in his right mind. He makes him do a line of public appearances including one as a guest judge on the finale of the popular television show "American Dreamz." This is all of course with his ear piece in place so he can always say and do the right thing, which is whatever his chief of staff happens to tell him to do.

One quickly figures out that many of the characters in the movie resemble real life figures and as you watch reality seems to come together on the screen. You have President Staton, who seems to act and talk like our current president. His chief of staff of painfully smacks of our vice-president. Then you have the host of the hit show, Martin Tweed, played by Hugh Grant, who almost never fails to pick up the role of conceited but likeable jerk. He seems to resemble the style of Ryan Seacrest with his choice of clothing and gelled hair, but reminds us of the famous Simon Cowell with his cruel yet truthful way of telling it how it is.

Our last two major characters are contestants on the show.

One is the sweet-looking but truly devious Sally Kendoo (Mandy Moore). We see that she quickly finds her place in the scheming world of entertainment and is willing to do what it takes to make it big, even if it involves using her foolish exboyfriend (Chris Klein) to give her a few boosts on the way there. Our other contestant is Omer (Sam Golzari), who is a die-hard show tunes fan and undercover terrorist instructed by his leaders to blow himself up on stage with the president in the final round of the competition. Through the "American Dreamz" show, Sally becomes "America's newest Sweetheart" and Omer becomes "The Omerizer," but as the two contestants compete to become America's next sensation.

Sweetheart" and Omer becomes "The Omerizer," but as the two contestants compete to become America's next sensation, they begin to question why they are there in the first place. Major kudos must go to Moore for her role as Sally Kendoo. It is surprising how well she jumps back and forth from sweet and innocent midwestern gal to scheming liar. Grant of course does well playing the role it seems he was born to play and at this point it is hard not to wonder if he's setting at all.

Still we're left wondering, what does this television show and our president have in common? The film is quick to point out that the president and the winning contestant win by

In a scene in the oval office, President Staton tries to explain to his chief of staff that after all his research things no longer look black and white to him but are more "grey-seeming." His chief of staff shoots back saying "I'll tell you what's grey-seeming, your poll numbers!" Then he adds "we are making democracies and you have to keep your eye on the

are making democracies and you have to keep your eye on the prize."

This scene along with others points out that the "prize," whatever it may be, is of most importance. It has nothing to with how you get it or what is right and wrong. Winning that prize is crucial and to get there you must get the votes from the people because in the end of it all that is what makes a contestant America's winner and a candidate America's president.

Bullet Hits

This Week:

Top 5 Reasons Everyone's Ready For Summer

By ZACH BOWMAN

5. Roommates

Like 'em, love 'em o hamster-cage proximity with a near total stranger.



with a near total stranger. I swear I live closer to my three roommates than my parents live to each other. I'm not saying you never want to speak to the kid(s) again, I'm just saying a breather is good to keep someone from exploding over the ownerless dirty sock that keeps crawling its way back into the bathroom.

4. Schedules

Class schedules, exam schedules, club schedules, I even know a girl who schedules time to sleep at night (I'm not kidding). This much structure is bound to lead to some kind of emotional scarring. I've woken up in the middle of the night panicked that I've missed a class. That's just not healthy. We could all use a break where our biggest time concern is whether or not we'll wake up before high tide gets our feet wet.

3. Campus

Don't get me wrong, it's beautiful, but it's nice to know the world is a lot bigger than from the apartments to Giant. Summer's a great time to stretch your wings a bit. Go hiking, running or canoeing. Hell, go for a road trip, with a gallon of gas starting to cost more than a well rounded meal at Taco Bell, it may be the last summer poor college kids can afford to do it.

2. The Bullet

OK, maybe this one isn't for EVERYONE, but for the army of writers and editors that call the cave-like Seaco basement home for two nights a week, it's important. We work hard to see our labor of love used as your placemat in the Nest, and the break from seeing our hours of work strewn accross campus walk will be nice. So you won't be able to see your name in the police beat for a few months, big deal. You won't get asked to do question of the week on a bad hair day either. Besides, distance makes the heart grow fonder. Maybe you'll come back and realize just how much you missed our stellar reporting on the underbelly of UMW and our witty editorials. It could happen.

Judging from the hostility toward the parking situation Judging from the hostility toward the parking situation around here, I think everyone will be happy to finally have a place to park their ride at night. We can finally sleep soundly without having to worry if we parked on the line or not. We won't get a call from our parents in the wee hours of the morning threatening to tow our car from your driveway because they want to have a cookout either. Come to think of it, you probably won't see one of those wan yellow slips of day-wrecking hell until you get back next August, shining brightly on your windshield like the Police Department's very own "Welcome back to The University of Mary Washington."

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Living Wage Progresses

By COLLEEN CREEGAN Staff Writer

Members of the Living Wage Coalition at the University of Mary Washington received some good news this week in a report released from the Ad Hoc Committee on Compensation Issues. After working with the administration for the past several years, the Coalition looked to raise

past several years, the Columbin footest of faste the base compensation level for custodial and housekeeping employees to a level that is considered 130 percent of the poverty level for a family of four. That equals \$25,000 per year for a

According to the report, the benchmark used for determining this rate was 95 percent of the starting salary for custodians in Stafford County government. As a result, effective March 10, 2006, the university base rate for all full-time employees

was increased to \$19,094 per year. That is almost \$1500 higher than the previous rate.

The report shows that 42 of the University's hosekeeping and grounds workers will benefit from the new compensation package. Several of those employees have had their job classifications changed in order to justify the increase.

"What wasn't taken into account was the fact that within two years, the housekeeping salary for the Stafford employee would go up to more than \$21,000 dollars per year," said senior Patrick McGowan, who is involved in the Living Wage Campaign.

There are still some who have worked for more

than two years and make less than \$21,000 per year. "Still, some good work was done," he said. McGowan said that the lines of communication between the administration and members of the campaign have opened.

"Two years ago, we didn't feel like they were listening to us," he said. "Today we sit down and have open discussions with them."

Last spring, McGowan and four other students chained themselves together in a circle in the office of Richard Hurley, executive vice president and shift financial office. Politics were listed to the contract of the cont and chief financial officer. Police were called to and chief financial officer. Police were called to Hurley's office but could not remove the students because they could not separate them. McGowan said Hurley left for a meeting but found the students were still there when he returned. Instead of having the students arrested, Hurley

Instead of having the students arrested, Hurley and Bernard Chirico, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, negotiated with student Aaron Samsel. As a result, Hurley and Chirico agreed to form a committee to investigate compensation of the University's lowest paid employees, as reported last year in The Bullet.

"We got more than we could have hoped for,"

McGowan said. "We thought we would get arrested but instead we started talking."

McGowan, an English major, got involved with the Living Wage Campaign shortly after transferring to Mary Washington from VCU three years ago. He attended several Human Rights Club meetings and had friends who were involved with the Living Wage Campaign. He has been involved ever since.

There are no officers or leaders in the Coalition and all decisions are made by consensus. If the group can't reach a consensus on any given issue, they go back to the drawing board. These days, they get together once a week, but when things

they get together once a week, but when things are really "buzzing," as McGowan puts it, the will meet as many as two or three times per week

Coeducation at UMW: Then & Now

Alumnae reflect on the battle of going coed

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like the idea of attending an all-girls school, finding chances for leadership better, and no intimidation by the presence of men in their classrooms," said a Sept 10, 1973 editorial.

According to Wendy Atwell-Vasey, associate professor of education, information regarding the advantages and disadvantages of single-sex schooling in the present day is constantly changing.

changing.

She cited Leonard Sax as the leading proponent for single-sex education. Sax, a research psychologist, is known for his book "Why Gender Matters," which touts the different learning styles girls and boys have, thus showing that learning in separate environments is beneficial.

beneficial.

On the other side, Atwell-Vasey said Wendy Karminer, contributing editor to the Atlantic Monthly, believes that single-sex education played an important part in women's liberation, but now only helps to re-emphasize gender roles because the schools are overly feminized and don't depict the real world, which has men in it as well

well.

However, the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) says that women at all-female schools are much more likely to want and hold leadership positions, have higher self confidence and self esteem, as well as have a high self-perceived

have higher self confidence and self esteem, as well as have a high self-perceived academic ability.

"I do think there can be some advantages [to single-sex education] in terms of women feeling as though their voices can be heard," said Miriam Liss, assistant professor of psychology with an expertise in women's psychology with an expertise in women's psychology. "We know there's research on token situations with women in the classroom and men dominating classrooms, so in single-sex environments women may feel more empowered to speak out and not have their voices silenced."

However, Liss noted that while women may not feel as confident in coeducational settings, because the real world is not sex-segregated, women need to learn to "negotiate the complexities of a coeducational world."

Liss also said she believes the research on single-sex education is confounded by class, because women who choose to be in a single-sex evurionment are usually wealthy, self-selecting women who are going to do well overall. Thus, it's hard to disentangle whether the success of these women is a result of an all-female school or their own personalities.

Liss also cited obsession with appearance as a reason single-sex education in so the contential advantages,'she said. "For example, [women at a single-sex schools] may have less concentration on self objectifying, more concentration on cademics. Women who are constantly surveying their bodies are not doing as well on math tests."

Women of Mary Washington pre-Coeducation

the benefits of single-sex education since there are more women here than men?

Forty years ago, women at Mary Washington knew they were headed to an all-women's school.

"...Certainly any who came, came knowing it was a girls' school," said Midge Poyck, 1966 alumna and retired vice president of the University. "I didn't think there would be men on campus. We signed up for an all-girls' school, and that's what we got... There were a lot of males on campus socially, but not in the classrooms."

One negative to women's schools, according to the NSSE statistics, is that students are much more likely to have a less fulfilling social life.

"Opponents of coeducation stress the destruction of the intimacy of a one-sexed college," said alumna Tracy Antley, in a 1970 Bullet article. "Available males will cause competition among girls for dates, not grades; the expense and bother of converting the P.E. department, shuffling dorm space and rearranging campus regulations to include boys would be immense."

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Perhaps socially, single-sex environments have fewer advantages. However, alumnae of the time seem to agree that the benefits come academically. Barbara Halliday, a 1971 alumna, documented the second of the second o

the attitudes of women students at the time concerning coeducation in *The Bullet* in February

"A survey conducted in early 1969 showed that 59.5 percent of the students here wanted MWC to remain a women's college," Halliday said.

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-Miriam Liss

article in *The Bullet*, agreed.

"Today's coed colleges are not the answer even though they do have a more natural atmosphere," she said. "With the situation as it is now. situation as it is now, women cannot really accomplish anything at a coed school. They are still talked down to and not given a fair chance.

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Men are not necessarily the enemy, but women cannot fairly communicate with them in the current situation."

As Liss suggested, competition with men seemed to be the biggest concern women at single-sex schools have about becoming coeducational.

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coeducational.

"...A women's college has its good points in being a place for women to concentrate on their studies and become sure of themselves," wrote JM, a contributor to the 1973 Bullet. "More importantly, a women's college lets women gain a respect for each other—without being in competition with each over males at a coed college."

college."

Alice Rabson, a retired professor of psychology, was integral in the lawsuit against Mary Washington's brother school which forced all Virginia public schools to become coeducational.

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"We sued UVA, the ACLU sued them, and of course we won," Rabson said. "And so that meant everyone had to go coed and my students were not happy about that. I did a study of it, as a matter of fact, and the ones who were most vehemently against it, which I predicted, were the ones that had gone to all women's high schools and didn't have any siblings that were brothers. But I was surprised at the results... the women wanted it to be a women's college."

Many of the women vehemently wanted to remain single sex.

An unnamed alumna wrote to The Bullet in February of 1970 that coeducation at Mary Washington was corrupting the institution.

"...Mary Washington is fast becoming a

bordello and a haven for women of loose morals to retire to in the name of going to college to get an education," she wrote.

Devotion to their alma mater made alumnae hesitant to want to change the traditions that had been so integral to their lives. While some did not see coeducation as a bad thing overall elsewhere, they believed that because of the feminine raditions of Mary Washington, serious revamping would be necessary in order for coeducation to be successful.

"Would the MWC style of education be as effective for men as well as women?" asked alumna Jody Reed in a 1968 Bullet article. "There are obvious alterations that would have to be made starting with the basics of our spinning wheel seal and the 'God, home and country' motto. Somehow it's hard to visualize an 'MWC Charlie' sprinting to Modern Marriage with his spinning wheel seal notebook under his arm."

Not all alumnae saw the change as bad, however.

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"I never thought it changed our character in a negative way or made us lose our identity," Poyck said. "Even today we say Mary Washington and people say to me, 'Isn't that a private girls' school?"

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Today's Students of Mary Washington
The majority of women at Mary Washington today, however, have no interest in attending an all-women's school. In fact, nationally, less than 2 percent to 3 percent of women choose single-sex education, according to Martin Wilder, vice president for enrollment.

Though, when asked about the gender ratio of their classes, Mary Washington women said the makeup of their classes have significantly more women than men—with the exception of traditionally male fields, such as business administration and math.

"Being around a lot of girls all the time can be difficult," said junior Emily Weyant, who said she never considered attending an all-female university. "I wanted to be able to hang out with guys; friendships with girls and guys are very different."

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Weyant admitted that she thinks an all-female environment would probably be very supportive for academics, but with such a female to male ratio at Mary Washington, she still finds most of her class interactions are with other females

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According to the Office of Research and Planning, business administration is the most popular major at Mary Washington, with 364 students as of spring 2005. English was the second-most popular, with 284 students, and biological sciences and history and American studies are third and fourth, with 268 students and 234 students, respectively.

Larry Penwell, chairperson of the business administration department, said while he did not have hard statistics, it was his impression that while there are more females than males majoring in business administration, there are more males in the major in comparison to other majors. "I don't have good numbers," he said. "...It's still predominantly female, but compared to other majors, we have tons more men."

The departments of biology and English said their majors are more dominated by females, citing the overall 2 to 1 male to female ratio at the school as the reason.

Molli Delp, a junior math major, said her classes are almost equal, with possibly more males in some of them. The one general education class he has taken, however, had only two males in the whole class.

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Interviews with a dozen current female tudents indicate that most Mary Washington romen have experienced a sort of de facto single-ex education in many of their classes, where the romen far outnumber the men.

Looking toward UMW's future in coeducation

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"We'd never compromised admissions standards to admit male students; they always had higher math scores than women and were equal in rank or class and dats sort of thing," said Conrad Warlick, retired dean of admissions. "I was very conscious of the fact that we were not going to compromise our standards."

While men's and women's SAT scores prove this, as they are virtually identical, other statistics from the past five years have shown that men admitted to UMV consistently have lower GPAs than women, in both high school as well as in their years at the institution.

Administrative theories which attribute these differences to male "distractibility" in high school do not explain why men still lag behind during their four years at UMW.

Furthermore, despite desperate attempts from the administration, Mary Washington has never achieved an equal ratio of men to women, and many still perceive the school as being all-female.

Other than perhaps its standards, the institution as a whole also seems to have lost another important element: its feminine history.

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institution as a whole also seems to have lost another important element: its feminine history.

"This is an institution that was born out of a struggle to create opportunity for women and our students don't know that," said Cedric Rucker, dean of student life and 1981 alumnus. "They also don't know that we weren't born just 'Mary Washington College of real vashington or 'Mary Washington College of real vashington' or 'Mary Washington or 'Mary Washington' or 'Mary Washington College of the University of Yinginia.' Normal school is at the very front end of our history. It wasn't until the '30s that we became a liberal arts college, so women had been for generations taken out of the loop when it came to access but Mary Washington was one of those places where opportunities for women were forged. ... That's the history! I wish people. Inw. Things were not always as they are today, and people just assume they are."

With pushes to change the name because of its 'feminine' connotations, and references to all halls by only their last names (which assumes the default male gender), it's not surprising that students are ignorant of the institution's feminist past.

However, according to Rucker, attempts to educate students about the history of Mary Washington are in the plans for part of the centernial celebrations.

Despite this loss of history, professors, students and administrators alike say they wouldn't change the institution's coeducational status for anything.

"That's part of what that education was about; being exposed to things from the perspective of women," Rucker said. "...! had a wonderful circle of friends who helped me on my journey and I think as Dean of Student Life... it continues to be an important part of my world view, those lessons that I learned."

Viewpoints

Sexclamations One Time, At Band Camp...

By Betsy Crumb and Elz England, wanton sex goddesses



Well, our faithful readers, here it is: a compilation of your very own stories. We are sorry to all of you whose we had to cut or cut down, but these are some of the

funniest we received.

Ironically, all the stories submitted were from females, which validates the theory that for men, any hook-up is a good hook-up. Women, on the other hand, have higher standards, which the fellows below clearly

"It's quality, not quantity," that's what they want us to think. Well, what an Edward Scissorhands he

turned out to be, For my vagina he clawed a bleeding red

I grabbed for an excuse and ran to the loo.

And as I stared at the red swirls below,
I wondered how to tell him he couldn't

screw?
No, I reasoned, this truth couldn't be handled by such a meek fellow.

My choices for lies were no myriad, And into the room I stumbled with an: "I, uh, I just started my period."

So the moral of this story isn't really "of

Greeks beware,"
But rather, guys with too-long fingernails.

I was staying in Bushnell Hall for an extra night after fall break began and I had laundry to do before leaving. After a few drinks, my guy and I headed to the basement. I made sure to get more than a dollar's worth from that vibrating dryer while we fooled around. On the way back upstairs, I roughly pushed him into a stairwell corner to take advantage of him and the empty hallways. I forgot about the clothes in the dryer, and the ones on the floor, until the next day.

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► Seacobeck: dining hall by day, hook-up haven by night. Let me clarify, this didn't happen in the booths of the Rose Room; it happened in the oh-so-romantic OSAC office late one Saturday night during

treshman year.

I figured my two roommates of a forced triple wouldn't appreciate being awakened by my hot "FB" (as Betsy and Elz would say). As I looked at my keychain, I realized I was in possession of a key to the OSACS office...thus our rendezvous was settled.

No need for further details, all I'm saying is that was a comfortable couch.

✓ His lips on mine felt nothing short of divine.

The sweat, the s k i n — W h o decided this was sin? It can't be bad!

I thought I had The best sex of my life, until

my life, until
we took a spill;
It's not a joke,
the bed just broke!
But oh, it was worth it,
the Kama Sutra was a hit...
A bed-shattering delight,
nine times that night.

▶Picked him up at a bar. Went home with him. He couldn't get it up. "I'll call you," he

"Or not," I mumbled as I closed the door

A sincere thank-you goes out to all of you who read this column each week. I, Betsy, must say goodbye as this is my last column ever as the real world of Boston beckons me. I have adored the compliments and taken all flaming bags of poo left on my (and Elz') doorstep in stride.

Tune in for Elz next year and an occasional guest "appearance" from me... when Elz becomes too anti-feminist.

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Always Look On The Bright Side A Slice of Relationship Advice from Corey Byers,

bound to have drawbacks as well as

drawbacks as well as benefits. Some will give you a boost of confidence while others may leave you a bit down in the dumps. While my jaded side is always quick to point out the downers and dismiss lines of BS, I too can (occasionally) look at the bright

Random making out: A nice make-out session is a key confidence booster. Sure, it may be pre-empted by alcohol and may not be followed up with a substantive re-play, but nothing can replace that "Damn, I feel good"

nothing can replace that "Darm, I reel good" feeling.

It is like when you buy a \$1 scratch ticket and hit for \$5: you got a return on that investment without being a major player in the market of love.

One-night stand: Good times, one night at a time, or maybe just for one night. Unfortunately for those with a lack of experience, it could be a let-down or simply

experience, it could be a let-down or simply just shocking.

But just remember, while the two of you may have had a chilly goodbye, the fact remains: you, my friend, were hot enough to get some in the first place. Sex can be like a crazy and wild jungle—be the hunky monkey, not the big baboon

Platonic Love: Perhaps the most priceless form of romance, nothing ever quite happens, but the mutual spiritual attraction is always there. Mutual respect and love without all the physical stuff can be really sweet.

No doubt, your fantasies are probably always driven by the unattainable or forbidden love. The downside: your hormones may lead you lesewhere. Whatever the outcome, be thankful you found someone you could be at peace with.

free food.

Well, this is assuming the other person is buying...otherwise you will be paying for your half and be broke in no time.

After some great conversations and sharing more than a few laughs, the initial spark can burn out. The upside: at least you did not enter a relationship you were not ready for and you did not get used and dumped either. Casual dating seems to be going out of style, but it is the best way to test the waters before anything reaches a full boil.

Long Term: At the peak of Mating Mountain there is the serious relationship. It

Mountain there is the serious relationship. It feels pretty good to have someone to depend on and trust.

Long-term relationships can be nutruring, loving and respectful. If the 'forever' dot has been blurred out on your crystal ball, this

continuous coupling can reach a dead end, or even worse, suffocate you. Listen to your inner voice, you know the red flags, and when it is right, you will know for sure.

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Congratulations New Phi Beta Kappa Members

The oldest and most prestigious of national academic honor societies, Phi Beta Kappa recognizes the superior achievement of juniors and seniors in pursuit of a liberal education. With only 270 approved Phi Beta Kappa chapters nationwide, the installation of the University of Mary Washington's Kappa of Virginia chapter in 1971 attests to the quality of the University as well as of its students, who are elected to membership by the Phi Beta Kappa faculty members and alumni who constitute the present Kappa of Virginia chapter.

Kappa of Virginia congratulates the following outstanding students who have been selected for membership. The 35th annual induction ceremony was held on Sunday, March 19 at 2 p.m. in Lee Hall Ballroom. Special distinction was awarded to Corinda Pippins, the recipient of the 1st Kappa of Virginia Phi Beta Kappa Student Award, established in honor of the chapter's 35th anniversary.

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Crew Team Sinks Opposition



The women's 2V boat practices as part of their daily early morning routine. After a strong year with several first place finishes including an impressive performance at the John's Hopkins regatta, the men's and women's teams will head to York, Pa. this weekend to compete in the Atlantic Collegiate League Sprints.

BY STEPHANIE POTTER Staff Writer

While most students are deep into their REM cle at 5 a.m., the UMW crew team is already and ready to hit the water, the sun yet to make

appearance.
"The student body doesn't realize how much

"The student body doesn't realize how much effort we put into doing our sport," said two-time all-American rower junior Kelley Tice. "From the 5:15 a.m. practice times, the hard workouts rain, shine, or ice) to the weekend-long regattas, we put a lot of time and effort into this sport."

The University of Mary Washington men's add women's rowing teams have shown just how far hard work and determination can go this season, finishing strong in seven different meets against some of the most competitive teams in the NCAA circuit. Now, they have their eyes on the ECAC National Invitational in mid-May.

The traditional spring season consists of a 12-

The traditional spring season consists of a 12ek session of head-to-head races which are week session of head-to-head races which are 2000 meters in length. Each boat consists of four td eight rowers, depending on gender, and a coxswain, who navigates the boat.

Last year's conference, which was held in Massachusetts, was canceled due to extreme

weather conditions, an obstacle that only fueled the team's desire to get back on the water. Opening their spring season at the Occoquan Challenge Regatta, the men's varsity eight took

Challenge Regatta, the men's varsity eight took sixth place in the grand final, while the women's varsity eight finished fourth.

This strong winning sentiment carried on into the Knecht Cup, where the men's varsity eight took first place over Franklin-Pierce and the College of New Jersey, and the women's varsity with took the first place to the control of the con eight took third in the final after winning its heat eight took third in the final after winning its near.
At the Johns Hopkins regatat, the teams boasted
a pair of first place finishes which made quite an
impression in the crew circuit.
Head coach Phil Schmehl remains positive
about both his team's performance and training.
"Over the past two weeks we've really worked

"Over the past two weeks we've really worked on trying to be sure they feel confident going into a race and also addressed the mental side of things, getting them prepared in how to react in a variety of different situations," he said. "At the Johns Hopkins Invitational, the women's boats all had great races [and] the men's when had an excellent recessor for we continue to

four had an excellent race, so if we continue to make improvements in executing our race e will be very fast to qualify for those faybe even beyond that the women

may be able to qualify for the NCAA's, which is something they ve never done before."

The Eagle's varsity women's team is ranked first among teams in the Mid-Atlantic region of

Inst among teams in the MIG-Atlantic region of the NCAA regional ranking, which is responsible for choosing teams for the regatta. Tice remains confident. "I think that our team has worked through a lot of difficulties and we have gotten progressively faster," he said. "The cohesiveness of the team is taster," he said. "The conesiveness of the team is really coming together, and I am pretty happy with how we are performing. We got off to a bit of a rocky start, but I think we have raced well against some tough competition, like Ithaca, who are the reigning national champions." Senior Kemp Savage invests hope in the team's younger members.

"Going into the FCAC the team is really trying."

"Going into the ECAC the team is really trying to focus on getting the correct line-ups in each boat," he said. "We are trying to tweak small things to improve speed and we are getting good results from the whole team.
"There are still a lot of youth on the team with

the Varsity only having two seniors, two juniors, one sophomore, and 13 freshmen. The men's team is still trying to narrow down a good mature race style for the future."

Senior Stephanie Boyer thinks the team is ready for future competitions.

"We've been steadily improving in both technique and power application," she said. "As

technique and power application," she said. "As for improvements, crew is like any other sport. Small tweaks here and there go a long way, especially in close competition." Varsity cosswain junior Matt Adler attributes team unity to the Eagle's success. "Unlike in any other sport there can be no 'hot shot,' it's all for one or all for none," he said. "The ECAC's are going to be a challenge. No other team or boat for that matter is going to give the race to us, but I am confident in the guys that they will do well."

Coach Schmehl agreed.

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"Crew is what I refer to as the ultimate team sport so there aren't any really outstanding performers," he said. "From my point of view a strong work ethic and a great team first positive attitude is something that will make any team go fast."

Next Competition: This Weekend, York Pa. Atlantic Collegiate League Sprints

Senior Trains, Races

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ducation makes for a good balance. I'm not one extreme or the other.

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I Charles picked up cycling in middle school through the encouragement of a family friend. He began training by himself, riding along the roads of his hometown, Middletown, Conn.

When he was 16, Charles teamed up with a fellow Middletown cyclist, Arlen Wenzel, who was 30 at the time, and the two continued to train

was 30 at the time, and the two continued to train together.
Eventually he began racing with the New England Cycling Support Association Team, making him one of the top junior riders in New England. While he was still in high school he traveled to both Cuba and Canada in international ompetitions

Charles' cycling reached its high point last simmer when he was accepted into Belgium's Cycling Center. This elite six-week summer program receives thousands of applications each

While he was in the program Charles impressed the coaches so much that they asked

impressed the coaches so much that they asked him to remain for the rest of the summer. Upon coming back to the states Charles decided to implement many of the techniques he had been exposed to in Belgium to his own coaching, especially using fitness tests to help him in planning the training for his clients. "Belgium wasn't the first time that I had been

"Begum wasn't the first time that I had been exposed to those things, but it was the first time that I had really been exposed to how beneficial they can be to somebody who is trying to train seriously," Charles said. "And I thought, why not do this for my clients too?"

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when Charles isn't oby making training schedules, calling, or meeting clients he still has plenty to keep him busy. As a student he still has to balance classes with work. He is currently a resident assistant in the apartments, as well as the co-founder and coach of the UMW cycling team.

In addition, he is a member of the Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield cycling team, a team of elite cyclists around the country. While Charles tries

to maintain his grades, school is not a main concern for him. Presently he has no plans to attend graduate school;

graduate school; instead he is planning to focus on building his business.

After graduating in May, Charles plans to return to his hometown of Middletown, Conn. and open the CCNS Center. He currently has clients in both Connecticut and throughout Virginia, right now he travels back to Connecticut about once a month to meet with the clients he has there. When he moves back to Connecticut this summer he

It's really awesome when you know your clients are your best advertisement.

- Aidan Charles

plans to return to Virginia every three to four weeks to maintain close contact with clients

Though Charles would be open to going pro, he wants to remain focused on his career as a

"It's pretty exciting, seeing everything finally ming together," Charles said.

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Cyclist Puts Business In Gear

By MARY WALDRON Staff Writer

One afternoon in a Middletown, Conn. bike shop, senior Aidan Charles was giving one of his clients a routine fitness test when suddenly, the man collapsed. Charles called an ambulance

collapsed. Charles called an ambulance and the man was rushed to the hospital and treated for severe dehydration.
"It was probably the most nerw wracking thing I've ever experienced as a coach," Charles said.
Charles is 'busily setting up equipment in his on-campus apartment to administer a series of fitness tests for another client. The tests will take approximately two hours,

tests will take approximately two hours, and Charles has already spent five hours of his day

spent five hours of his day making up and e-mailing training plans for the 19 clients he currently has.

All of this is part of Charles' self owned and operated business, Charles Coaching and Nutritional Services (CCNS). Charles started CCNS, which offers Charles started CCNS, which ofters coaching and nutritional programs for cyclists, last spring. Since then CCNS has taken off, earning profits of approximately \$3,000 a month. Over this past Christmas break Charles even houst to expense the company of the program of the coache. bought a company car, in what has become CCNS trademark color, bright

Not only does Charles, himself an elite cyclist, provide coaching for his clients, but he also uses the skills he's developed as a Biology major with an emphasis in nutrition, to assess both their health and physical fitness. Charles feels that nutrition, along

with training, is especially important for cyclists.

"You know, for a cyclist, having to drag an extra ten pounds up a hill can mean the difference between losing a race and winning," Charles said.

race and winning," Charles said.

"Literally."

One of Charles' Clients is Mike Hosang, a 32-year-old from Virginia Beach. Though he has met with Charles before and has been working with him for several weeks, this will mark the first series of fitness tests in with the first series of fitness tests in which he he coefficient." which he has participated. These tests include a maximum sprint test, which essentially measures how fast a cyclist

can go seconds,

well as a lactate threshold test, which determines what an athlete's

physical limits are

physical limits are.
Hosang heard about Charles
from another of Charles' clients.
"I noticed that a buddy of mine who
I ride with had suddenly really taken
off, in terms of his speed and how well
he was doing in races," Hosang said.
"So I asked him "What gives?" and he
told me he had started training with
Aidan."

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According to Charles, this is how he gets most of his clients.
"It's really awesome when you know your clients are your best advertisement," Charles said.

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According to Charles, the coaching
that CCNS provides is for "serious
athletes" like Hosang.
"I'm too old to go pro, but I'd like
to do well in my local circuit of races,
and you can't do that without
coaching," Hosang said.
Charles said that his inspiration to

coach comes from experiences he had as a young cyclist. "I had a lot of mentors," he said. "And I had a lot of people willing to give me their expertise and personal attention. I think everyone should be able to access that one-on-one experience, not just the small percentage of the population who can afford it."

Hosang agreed with Charles

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Hosang agreed with Charles.

"There are a lot of great coaches out there," he said. "Most of them are willing to give you their personal attention if you're willing to pay an arm and a leg for it. But [CCNS] is a lot more reasonable."

A month long coaching program costs \$200 for adults and \$100 for juniors (riders under 18), while a month long nutritional plan costs \$40.

To Charles, the most important element of being a coach is maintaining close contact with all of his clients. This includes one-on-one bicycle training as well as weekly, sometimes daily, phone calls. According to Charles, it is not unusual for his cell phone bill to be in excess of 5,000 minutes a month.

Charles believes the combination of his racing experience along with the education he has received at UMW is what makes him a different kind of coach.

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"I've found that there are basically two kinds of coaches," he said. "Those who have a Ph.D. but no race experience, or the kind of coach who has a tremendous amount of experience, but only a high school oma I think the fact that I have

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Senior Aidan Charles takes a break from cycling. Charles is not only a veteran cyclist but also started his own business, Charles Coaching and Nutritional Services, last spring.

Junior Ann Wisloski leaves a Virginia Wesleyan College opponent in the dust during an April 18 game. UMW will face Salisbury Sunday in the championship.

UMW Lacrosse Plucks Seagulls

Eagles Look To Avenge Salisbury Loss

BY MARIE PURKERT Staff Writer

Home-field advantage has certainly given the Eagles an extra boost, as the women's lacrosse team beat both Marymount University and St. Mary's College of Maryland to advance to the CAC finals his week.

In CAC quarterfinal play this past Saturday, the Eagles never gave Marymount a chance, defeating them 19-2.

On Tuesday, the girls came out strong once again, beating top St. Mary's College 16-8 in a convincing win.

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The Eagles must now face CAC defending champions Salisbury on Friday in order to clench

champions Saissoury on Friday in order to cicient
the CAC title.

Head coach Dana Hall is excited with how her
team has played the past few games.

"The momentum is definitely swinging in our
favor and I look forward to the match," she said. The match, of course, will be facing Sal

on the field for the second time this season. UMW's offense has proven to be near unstoppable as the season comes to a close, with several key players stepping up with major offensive

Junior Kaitlyn Barker led the pack, scoring five times against Marymount and six times against St.

Marymount and six times against St.

Mary's College.

Altogether the girls proved that 25 goals can bring hope of a championship.

UMW's defense has played exceptionally well the past two games, by not only adding scorers on the field, but by holding Marymount

and St. Mary's to single digits.

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The Eagles, who improved to 14-4 after this past Tuesday, have high hopes for the upcoming championship game and beyond.

"We have an opportunity to secure a automatic qualifying bid to the NCAA tournament should be neat Salisbury." Hall said, Not only is getting a bid to the NCAA tournament incentive, but so is revenge.

"We're getting another opportunity to play (Salisbury) since we lost to them last week in a very close game," Hall said.

The taste of winning must be sweet, but the opportunity to possibly defeat Salisbury and give them a taste of their own medecine seems to be what is fueling this Eagle's team going into Friday's game.

The Eagles will meet Salisbury at 4 p.m. at Salisbury this Friday.

The momentum is definitely swinging in our favor and I look forward to the match.

– Dana Hall

Upcoming Home Events

April 27 - Men's Tennis vs. Johns Hopkins, 3:30 p.m. April 28 - Baseball vs. Newport News, 3 p.m.

Teams of the Week

Men's tennis, women's tennis and women's track and field earned CAC championship titles.